

# NEW CASTLE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

*New Castle, Indiana*



**Client:** Indiana Department of Corrections

**Location:** New Castle, Henry County, Indiana

**Contract Duration:** Contract Award: 09/14/05. Initial four (4) year contract term commencing on 01/02/06 through 01/01/10, renewable for three (3), two (2) year terms for an overall total of ten years.

## **Background**

**This public-private correctional partnership is the first of its kind in Indiana.** The Indiana Department of Correction sought out and welcomed the innovation and cost-savings offered by the privatized correctional industry. The Indiana Department of Correction and The GEO Group finalized contract negotiations in September 2005 to transition the IDOC's existing adult male correctional facility to the GEO Group's operation and management of that facility known as the New Castle Correctional Facility.

The facility is located in the city of New Castle next to the IDOC's statewide Correctional Training Institute. Because the facility was an existing IDOC facility, one of GEO's priorities was to ensure that existing staff were afforded the opportunity to work with the GEO Group as first choice. The GEO Group interviewed 100% of the existing staff for employment resulting in an exceptional outcome of approximately 90% retention of the existing State personnel.

## **Scope of Work**

The GEO Group provides secure care, custody and control for Indiana Department of Correction offenders. Services

provided by The GEO Group include security, programs and transportation. The facility houses security levels 1 through 3 adult male offenders including special needs offenders: maximum security (the psychiatric unit), medium security (general population), and minimum security (outside dorm). During the first year of operation, the facility is expected to house 1,086 offenders with a long range goal of the housing bed capacity reaching approximately 2,416 offenders. Food Service is contracted by Aramark and medical services are contracted by Correctional Medical Services.

## **Facility Description**

The facility resides on approximately 325 acres with a total square footage of 331,837 square feet consisting of an administration building, program services building, recreation building and 13 buildings/units with individual housing ranges in each building located on the property. One of the buildings serves as the reception and receiving area for offenders including those with psychiatric special needs, offenders requiring disciplinary segregation and offenders requiring infirmary care. The remaining 12 buildings/units house general population offenders. The New Castle Correctional Facility has one of the largest multi-purpose buildings in the state.

## **Accreditation**

The facility will seek accreditation from the **American Correctional Association (ACA)** within 18-months from its final transition.

